



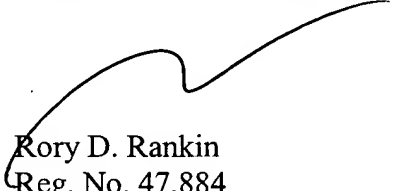
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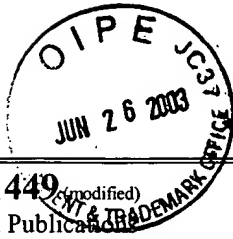
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### U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	B4	International Search Report, PCT/US 01/49280, Mailed 03/04/2003
	B5	GEIHS K ET AL.: "An Architecture for the Cooperation of Heterogeneous Operating Systems"; Computer Networking Symposium, 1988., Proceedings of the Washington, DC, USA 11-13 April 1988

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